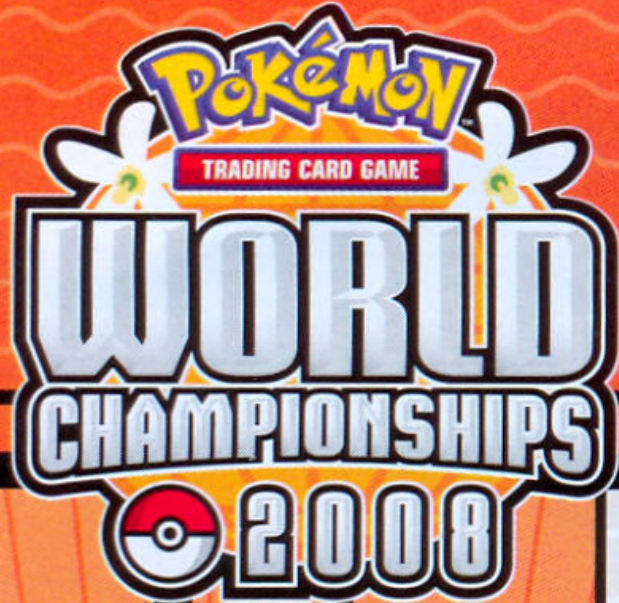




August 15th – 17th

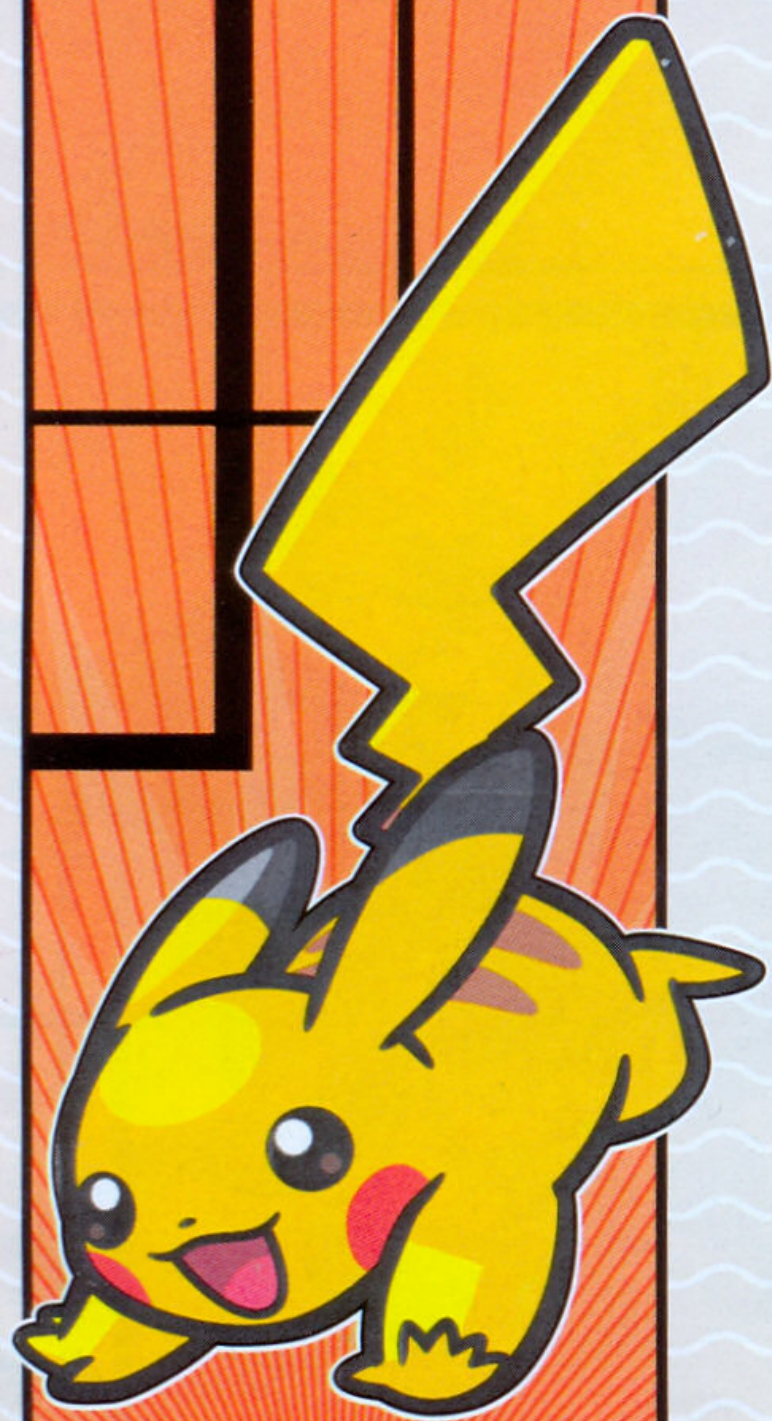




WORLDS' HISTORY IS MADE!

In Orlando for the 2008 World Championships, players from the United States held off the strong challenges of players from Japan, Canada, and Norway to claim the title of Pokémon TCG World Champion in all three age divisions. A single country has dominated before—Japan did so in 2004, also in Orlando, and the U.S. dominated in 2005—but a Champion claiming the title for a second time is new and noteworthy.

Twenty-two-year-old Jason Klawnski, who last took home the trophy in 2006, gave the cheering crowd what it was hoping for when he went 2-0 against fifteen-year-old rising star Khanh Le of Norway in the Finals for the Masters Division. When he stepped onto the stage to receive his accolades during the Closing Ceremony, the returning Champion Klawnski made Pokémon TCG history.



There were other fierce battles that led to victories for eleven-year-old Tristan Robinson in the Junior Division and Dylan Lefavour, fourteen, in the Senior Division. A previous Champion in the Junior Division, Curran Hill, battled brilliantly to fourth place in the Senior Division, another unique moment. For all three of the title contests, fans cheered the players' moves while watching the action on overhead screens that provided a bird's-eye view of the matches.

The weekend of August 15th-17th was built on astonishing numbers. Nearly 700 would-be Champions competed in the Last Chance Qualifier the Friday before the Main Event...64 players from the United States and Japan arrived at Worlds to compete in the Pokémon Video Game Showdown...a total of 356 players shuffled their decks

with an eye on the title when the tournament began Saturday morning...more than 550 fans lined up to acquire a unique Pokémon for their Nintendo DS systems...over 2,500 players, families, spectators, and fans packed the Grand Ballroom of the Hilton in the Walt Disney World Resort for the weekend of battle...and in the end, the numbers came down to three. Three Champions. And one of them, a two-time winner...a first for the Pokémon TCG World Championships.



PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES

Twenty-six different countries participated in the 2008 Pokémon TCG World Championships:



ARGENTINA



AUSTRALIA



AUSTRIA



BELGIUM/
LUXEMBOURG



BRAZIL



CANADA



CHILE



CZECH
REPUBLIC



DENMARK



FINLAND



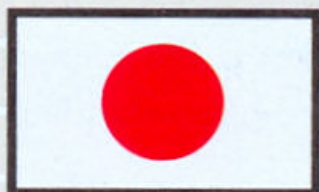
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RIISING CHAMPIONS

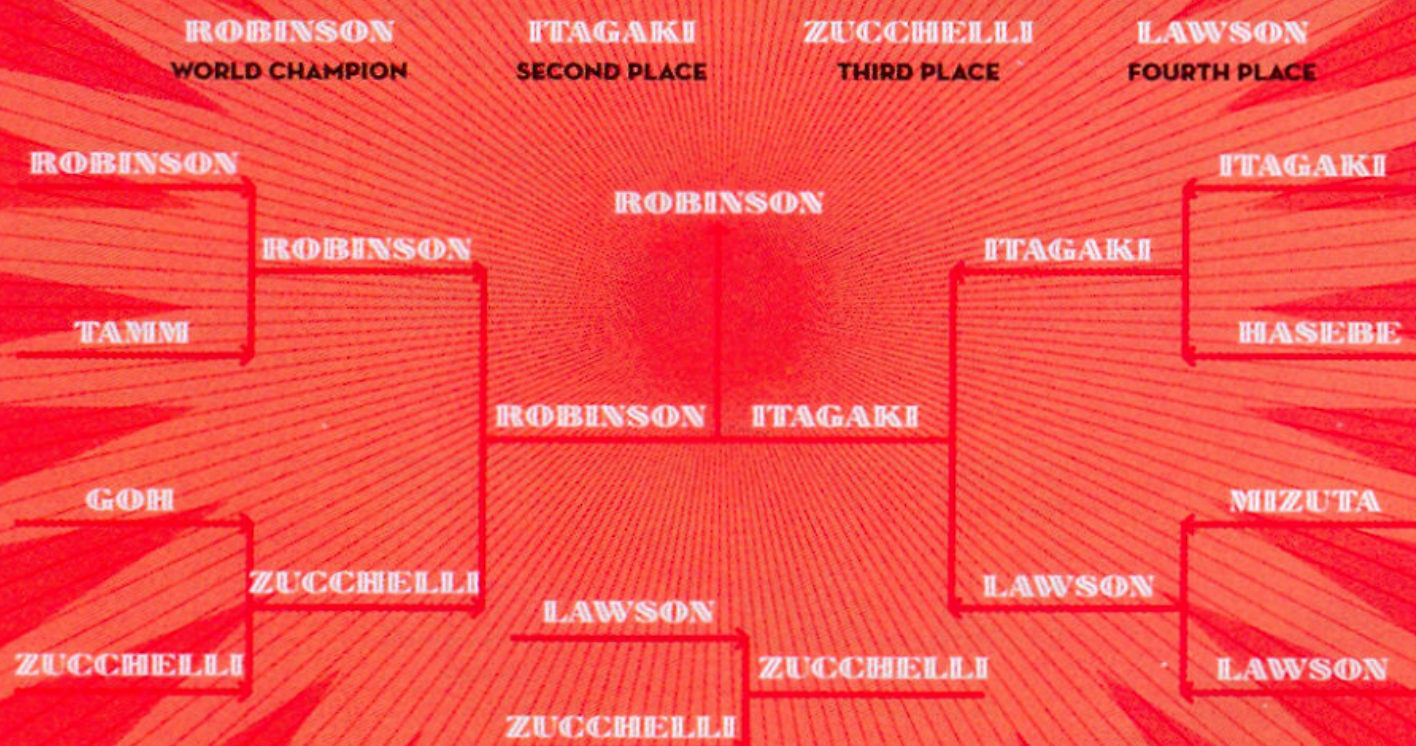
They kept their game faces on when they saw themselves challenged by fierce opponents with fiercer reputations, names they recognized as impressive Pokémon competitors. Ultimately, they narrowed the field from over a hundred players in their division down to just one.

On Sunday, August 17th, the twenty-four best Pokémon TCG players in the entire world, eight in each age division, faced off in the Hilton's Grand

Ballroom before a sizable crowd of onlookers. Eight became four; four became two. And two became one: a Champion.

In each of the three Division brackets are two sets of pairings (four players on the far left and four on the far right) that led to the Championship match (in the middle of each bracket). Below each bracket is the runner-up pairing for the third-place standing.

POKÉMON TCG WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS JUNIOR FINALS BRACKET





Searching for the perfect card combo



Event badges identify who's who



Balloon hats optional at the Welcome Reception



Sugar: a Champion's secret weapon



Pure Pokémon artistry



Creativity in the Creative Center



Fun grows when the band goes to the gazebos!



Dialga and Palkia agree to pose for fan photos



Checkin' in to check it out



Competitors, it's time to find your competition!



TRISTAN ROBINSON

World Champion (Junior Division)

Age: 11

Country: United States

Deck: Intimidation

Interesting Fact: Favorite card is Typhlosion, one of the first he ever played with

Tristan Robinson's Intimidation deck was a force to be reckoned with, overwhelming opponents while carrying him all the way to the Championship title with a rogue deck in a year dominated by Gardevoir/Gallade decks. "It's all practice, practice, and practice," he says, something he had done regularly with his cousin Anders for the last three years. "I test my decks against lots of different kinds of decks." A big fan of all kinds of strategy games, Tristan credits a large group of Colorado players with helping him prepare for his rise to the top.

DECK LIST

4	SCIZOR	MD	29
4	SCYTHER	MD	46
4	TOXICROAK	MD	31
4	CROAGUNK	MD	60
1	ELECTRODE	SW	26
1	VOLTORB	SW	117
1	SABLEYE	CG	10
4	CASTAWAY	CG	72
4	CELIO'S NETWORK	CG	73
4	CESSATION CRYSTAL	CG	74
2	COPYCAT	DF	73
4	CRYSTAL BEACH	CG	75
4	ROSEANNE'S RESEARCH	SW	125
2	SCOTT	PK	81
4	STEVEN'S ADVICE	PK	83
1	METAL ENERGY (SPECIAL)	MD	95
4	MULTI ENERGY	MT	118
1	LIGHTNING ENERGY		
3	METAL ENERGY		
4	PSYCHIC ENERGY		





TAKUTO ITAGAKI

Second Place (Junior Division)

Age: 11

Country: Japan

Deck: Surprise Pulldown

Interesting Fact: Has played since he was only 5 years old

At Worlds, Takuto Itagaki noticed many differences between play in Japan and play in the United States, but these differences didn't hinder him from becoming one of the best players on the globe. "I saw many decks I have never seen," he notes, adding that he plans to do some intense research before next year's competition to prepare to claim the Champion title as his own. "I hope we'll eventually hold the World Championships in Japan," he says. Takuto was excited to see if he might end up playing against one of the six Japanese qualifiers in the Finals!

DECK LIST

1	GARDEVOIR LV.X	SW	131
2	GARDEVOIR	SW	7
2	GALLADE	SW	6
2	KIRLIA	POP7	8
4	RALTS	POP7	15
1	OMASTAR	PK	20
1	MUK	SW	56
1	GRIMER	SW	88
1	FURRET	SW	27
1	SENTRET	SW	104
1	CLAYDOL	GE	15
1	BALTOY	GE	60
1	HOLON'S CASTFORM	HP	44
4	CELIO'S NETWORK	CG	73
1	HELIX FOSSIL	MD	91
1	LAKE BOUNDARY	MT	112
2	NIGHT MAINTENANCE	SW	120
3	PROFESSOR OAK'S VISIT	SW	122
4	RARE CANDY	GE	104
3	ROSEANNE'S RESEARCH	SW	125
2	STEVEN'S ADVICE	PK	83
2	TEAM GALACTIC'S WAGER	MT	115
3	WARP POINT	MD	88
2	WINDSTORM	CG	85
3	CALL ENERGY	MD	92
4	DOUBLE RAINBOW ENERGY	CG	88
2	SCRAMBLE ENERGY	DF	89
1	FIGHTING ENERGY		
4	PSYCHIC ENERGY		



SIMONE ZUCCELLI

Third Place (Junior Division)

Age: 9

Country: Italy

Deck: Dark Plox

Interesting Fact: Thinks Heatran is the coolest-looking Pokémon

Simone Zuccelli is a meticulous player—he analyzes his opponent's decks carefully and builds his entire game "step by step." But it wasn't always this way; when he bought his very first booster pack, he didn't even know it was a game! Once he participated in a tournament in Verona in which he placed fourth, however, he was hooked for life, and now he's in preparation for next year's World Championships. But what about the more distant future? Simone hopes to be a teacher one day—"and maybe I'll even teach people how to play Pokémon."

DECK LIST

3	GARDEVOIR	SW	7
1	GARDEVOIR LV.X	SW	131
2	GALLADE	SW	6
2	KIRLIA	SW	53
1	RALTS	DF	60
3	RALTS	SW	102
2	PACHIRISU	GE	5
1	WEAVILE	SW	40
1	SNEASEL	DP	100
1	BRELOOM	SW	45
1	SHROOMISH	SW	108
2	CLAYDOL	GE	60
2	BALTOY	GE	15
2	BEBE'S SEARCH	SW	119
3	CELIO'S NETWORK	CG	73
2	MOONLIGHT STADIUM	GE	100
2	NIGHT MAINTENANCE	SW	120
2	PROFESSOR OAK'S VISIT	SW	122
4	RARE CANDY	GE	104
3	ROSEANNE'S RESEARCH	SW	125
2	TEAM GALACTIC'S WAGER	MT	115
2	WINDSTORM	CG	85
2	DARKNESS ENERGY (SPECIAL)	SW	129
4	DOUBLE RAINBOW ENERGY	CG	88
3	SCRAMBLE ENERGY	DF	89
3	FIGHTING ENERGY		
4	PSYCHIC ENERGY		



NICHOLAS KOLIBAS

Third Place (Senior Division)

Age: 14

Country: United States

Deck: Shady Waters

Interesting Fact: Holds a black belt in karate

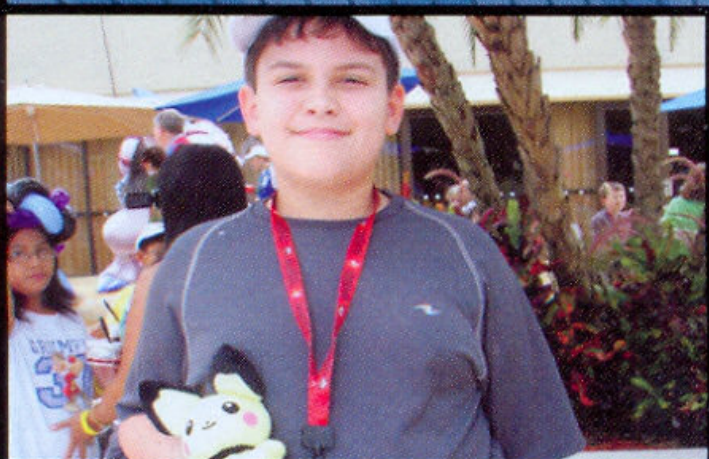
Nick Kolibas takes away an unusual memory from the 2008 Worlds: "During my seventh match in Swiss, I got an eleven-minute time extension," he recalls. It will be his lasting memory from playing in the Senior Division, as he is now preparing himself to play in the Masters Division in 2009. "I will need to prepare differently," he says mysteriously, not wanting to tip his hand too much. In the meantime, he might draw inspiration from Dylan Lefavour, the Senior Champion and a friend of his from league play!

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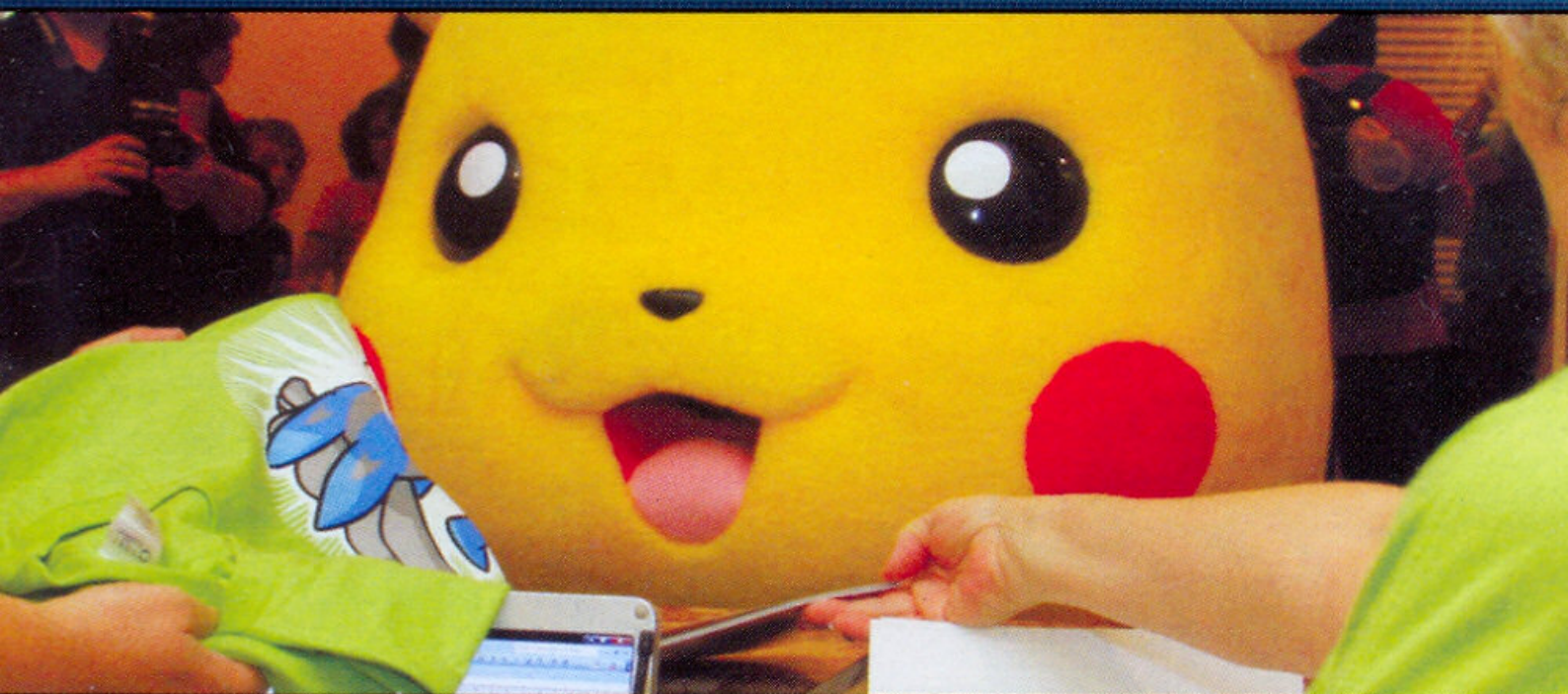
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1	DUSKNOIR	DP	2
1	DUSKULL	SW	86
1	PACHIRISU	GE	5
1	CHATOT	MD	55
1	HOLON'S CASTFORM	HP	44
1	MEW ☆	DF	101
1	CASTAWAY	CG	72
4	CELIO'S NETWORK	CG	73
2	CESSATION CRYSTAL	CG	74
3	MASTER BALL	PK	78
2	NIGHT MAINTENANCE	SW	120
1	PROFESSOR ROWAN	SW	123
4	RARE CANDY	GE	104
2	ROSEANNE'S RESEARCH	SW	125
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2	TEAM GALACTIC'S WAGER	MT	115
2	WARP POINT	MD	88
4	CALL ENERGY	MD	92
3	SCRAMBLE ENERGY	DF	89
7	WATER ENERGY		



Prizes and glory await the Champions...



Pichu serves as a mascot!



Pikachu, big spender at the retail store



Preparing for any and all questions



Donning Groudon



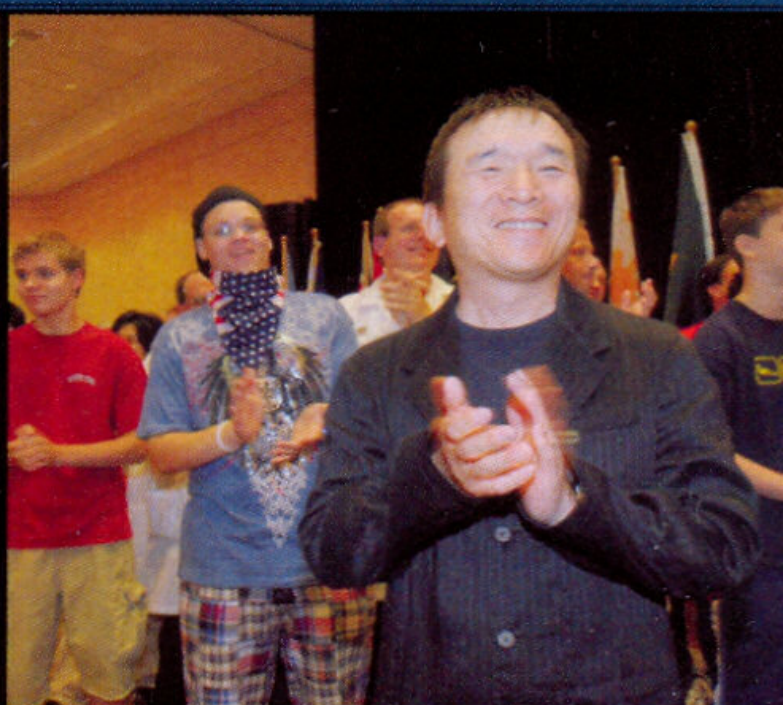
The flags enter the ballroom



Many nations, one Worlds



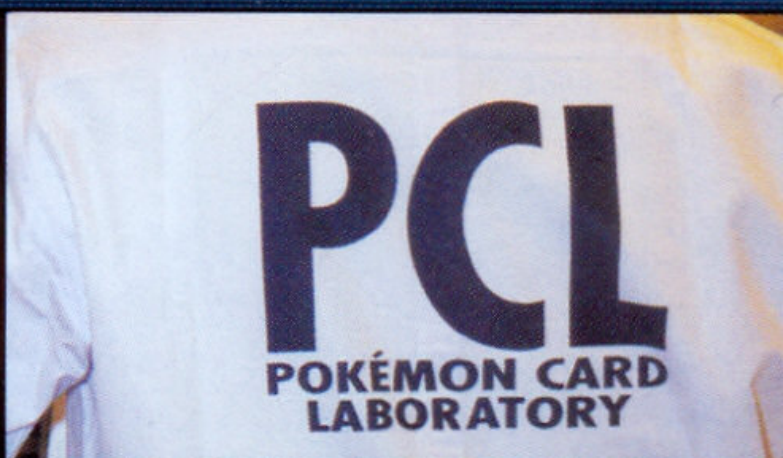
A view to a game



Mr. Ishihara leads the applause



Let the Opening Ceremony begin!



New heights in Pokémon fashion



DYLAN LEFAVOUR

World Champion (Senior Division)

Age: 14

Country: United States

Deck: Empotech

Interesting Fact: A loss in a local competition drove him to try for Worlds

In a crucial Top 16 match, Dylan Lefavour's battle went down to the wire...and he was ahead by one Prize card. "It was the closest game I played all weekend," he says, and Dylan played a lot of games during Worlds—he played all the way to the title of Champion. His strategy of essentially having *no* strategy until he faces his opponents paid off numerous times, including the final match where he used Warp Point so successfully against his opponent's Blissey. In preparation to defend his title next year, he plans to practice a great deal—"even more than this year," he promises.

DECK LIST

4	EMPOLEON	MD	17
2	PRINPLUP	MD	44
1	PRINPLUP	DP	58
1	PIPLUP	PROMO DPO3	
2	PIPLUP	POP6	15
1	PIPLUP	MD	72
1	DUSKNOIR	DP	2
1	DUSKULL	DP	80
2	CHATOT	MD	55
3	CLAYDOL	GE	15
2	BALTOY	GE	60
1	HOLON'S CASTFORM	HP	44
1	TAUROS	CG	12
1	MEW ☆	DF	101
2	BEBE'S SEARCH	SW	119
1	CASTAWAY	CG	72
2	CELIO'S NETWORK	CG	73
3	CESSATION CRYSTAL	CG	74
1	COPYCAT	DF	73
2	NIGHT MAINTENANCE	SW	120
4	RARE CANDY	GE	104
2	ROSEANNE'S RESEARCH	SW	125
3	STEVEN'S ADVICE	PK	83
3	WARP POINT	MD	88
1	WINDSTORM	CG	85
3	CALL ENERGY	MD	92
1	DOUBLE RAINBOW ENERGY	CG	88
3	SCRAMBLE ENERGY	DF	89
6	WATER ENERGY		



PAUL ATANASSOV

Second Place (Senior Division)

Age: 11

Country: Canada

Deck: Bliss Control

Interesting Fact: Used Chatot to gain 9 cards when his hand was empty!

Paul Atanassov was already familiar with the winner's podium before he took second at this year's World Championships—he placed fourth last year after playing for less than a year. So, after two years of playing, Paul has steadily risen in strength and achieved greater success every year. What does he think about his achievements so far? "Fourth place? Unacceptable," he says. "Second place? Unacceptable." So, then, what will he do differently to become Champion next year? "I won't change a thing," he says. "It works already!"

DECK LIST

4	BLISSEY	MT	5
4	CHANSEY	MT	76
3	CHATOT	MD	55
4	CASTAWAY	CG	72
4	CELIO'S NETWORK	CG	73
4	CESSATION CRYSTAL	CG	74
4	CRYSTAL BEACH	CG	75
4	ENERGY REMOVAL 2	PK	74
2	POKÉDEX HANDY910IS	DP	111
3	PLUSPOWER	SW	121
2	ROSEANNE'S RESEARCH	SW	125
1	SCOTT	PK	81
1	STEVEN'S ADVICE	PK	83
2	TEAM GALACTIC'S WAGER	MT	115
1	TIME-SPACE DISTORTION	MT	124
2	TV REPORTER	DF	82
1	WARP POINT	MD	88
4	HOLON ENERGY FF	DF	84
10	FIRE ENERGY		





Sometimes the victory is in the fun you have



Finding the legends inside...



The competitors prepare for the first round of battle



The thrill of competition



Among the prizes: a special-edition Worlds DS



CURRAN HILL

Fourth Place (Senior Division)

Age: 13

Country: United States

Deck: Triangles

Interesting Fact: Has played the piano for 9 years

Curran Hill was World Champion in 2005, so he knows a little something about how those final matches play out. Along with three siblings, Curran plays nearly every day, even going so far as to test his World Championships deck against himself in an effort to improve it. And while he favors Gardevoir—it got him all the way to fourth place, he points out—he's certainly not committed to any particular Pokémon or deck for next year. Not yet. For now, he has only one preparation plan for the 2009 Worlds: "Play more."

DECK LIST

3	GARDEVOIR	SW	7
1	GARDEVOIR LV.X	SW	131
2	GALLADE	SW	6
2	KIRLIA	POP7	8
4	RALTS	POP7	15
3	JIRACHI EX	CG	94
2	CLAYDOL	GE	15
2	BALTOY	GE	60
1	CHATOT	MD	55
1	HOLON'S CASTFORM	HP	44
4	BEBE'S SEARCH	SW	119
1	CELIO'S NETWORK	CG	73
2	LAKE BOUNDARY	MT	112
2	NIGHT MAINTENANCE	SW	120
4	RARE CANDY	GE	104
3	ROSEANNE'S RESEARCH	SW	125
2	STEVEN'S ADVICE	PK	83
1	STRENGTH CHARM	DF	81
3	TEAM GALACTIC'S WAGER	MT	115
2	WINDSTORM	CG	85
4	CALL ENERGY	MD	92
3	DOUBLE RAINBOW ENERGY	CG	88
4	SCRAMBLE ENERGY	DF	89
4	PSYCHIC ENERGY		



NOAH LAWSON

Fourth Place (Junior Division)

Age: 10

Country: United States

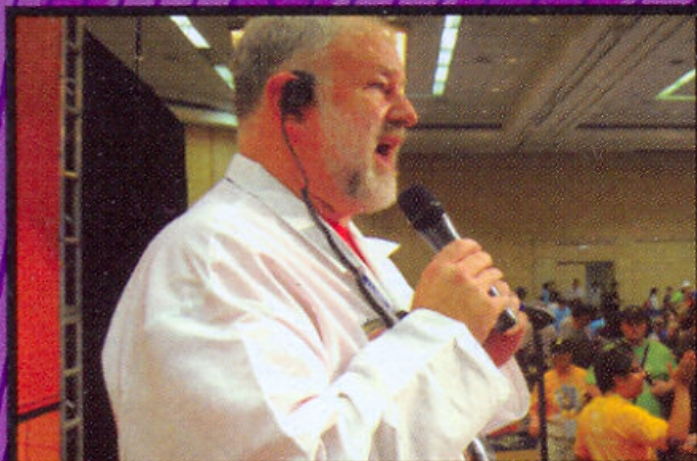
Deck: New England Plox

Interesting Fact: Plays the game with his entire family

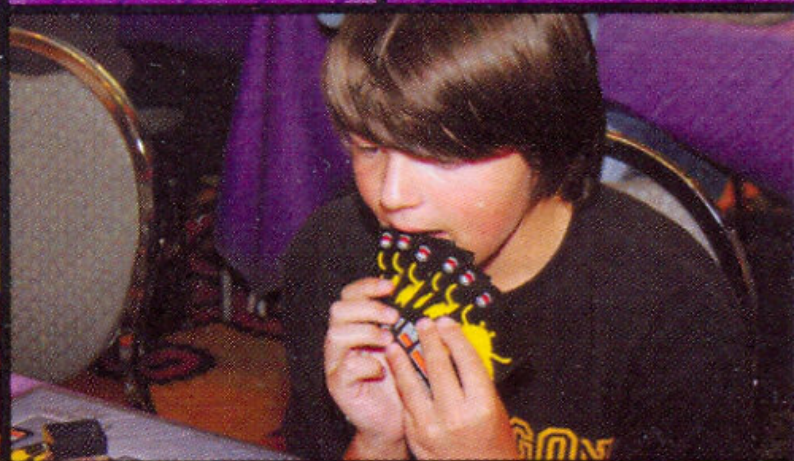
If any player in this year's TCG Championships defines the term of good sportsmanship, it would be Noah Lawson. During his playoff match in the Finals, he made an error. When the judges stepped in and all agreed that a Prize Loss penalty was appropriate, Noah pointed out what everyone had missed, that his error was bigger than they understood. His honesty resulted in a game loss for Noah, but it raised him to a higher level of player, one who readily says that he's looking forward to next year where he will "continue to have fun...and play fair."

DECK LIST

3	GARDEVOIR	SW	7
1	GARDEVOIR LV.X	SW	131
2	GALLADE	SW	6
3	KIRLIA	SW	53
3	RALTS	SW	102
1	RALTS	DF	60
1	DUSKNOIR	DP	2
1	DUSKULL	DP	80
2	CLAYDOL	GE	15
2	BALTOY	GE	60
1	TAUROS	CG	12
1	PACHIRISU	GE	5
1	CHATOT	MD	55
1	HOLON'S CASTFORM	HP	44
4	CELIO'S NETWORK	CG	73
2	NIGHT MAINTENANCE	SW	120
2	PLUSPOWER	SW	121
2	PROFESSOR OAK'S VISIT	SW	122
4	RARE CANDY	GE	104
2	ROSEANNE'S RESEARCH	SW	125
1	STEVEN'S ADVICE	PK	83
1	STRENGTH CHARM	DF	81
2	TEAM GALACTIC'S WAGER	MT	115
2	WARP POINT	MD	88
1	WINDSTORM	CG	85
3	CALL ENERGY	MD	92
4	DOUBLE RAINBOW ENERGY	CG	88
2	SCRAMBLE ENERGY	DF	89
1	FIGHTING ENERGY		
4	PSYCHIC ENERGY		



Head Judge Walkoski directs the divisions



What to do, what not to do...



A Trainer's hand of Trainers



Tsuguyoshi Yamato: Pokémon TCG Expert



Multi-lingual translation skills required



JASON KLACZYNSKI

World Champion (Masters Division)

Age: 22

Country: United States

Deck: Psychic Lock

Interesting Fact: Has been playing for 10 years—since the beginning of the TCG

As a two-time Champion, Jason Klaczynski can talk about strategy in ways that show his skill level instantly. "I dropped a Lake Boundary and a Jolteon ☆ to turn 90 damage into a game-winning 130 on a Gallade in the Top 4," he says, going on to note how he thought he was beaten during the Top 4 and then managed to turn it around. But he can also surprise you with his "insights." "Team Galactic's Wager is my favorite card," he says, deadpan. "I believe there is a tremendous amount of skill in Rock-Paper-Scissors."

DECK LIST

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1	GARDEVOIR LV.X	SW	131
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2	KIRLIA	POP7	8
3	RALTS	POP7	15
1	RALTS	SW	102
2	CLAYDOL	GE	15
2	BALTOY	GE	60
1	DUSKNOIR	DP	2
1	DUSKULL	DP	80
1	CHATOT	MD	55
1	JOLTEON ☆	PK	101
1	JIRACHI EX	CG	94
2	BEBE'S SEARCH	SW	119
4	CELIO'S NETWORK	CG	73
2	LAKE BOUNDARY	MT	112
4	RARE CANDY	GE	104
4	ROSEANNE'S RESEARCH	SW	125
2	STEVEN'S ADVICE	PK	83
2	TEAM GALACTIC'S WAGER	MT	115
2	WARP POINT	MD	88
2	WINDSTORM	CG	85
4	CALL ENERGY	MD	92
1	CYCLONE ENERGY	PK	90
4	DOUBLE RAINBOW ENERGY	CG	88
3	SCRAMBLE ENERGY	DF	89
3	PSYCHIC ENERGY		



KHANH LE

Second Place (Masters Division)

Age: 15

Country: Norway

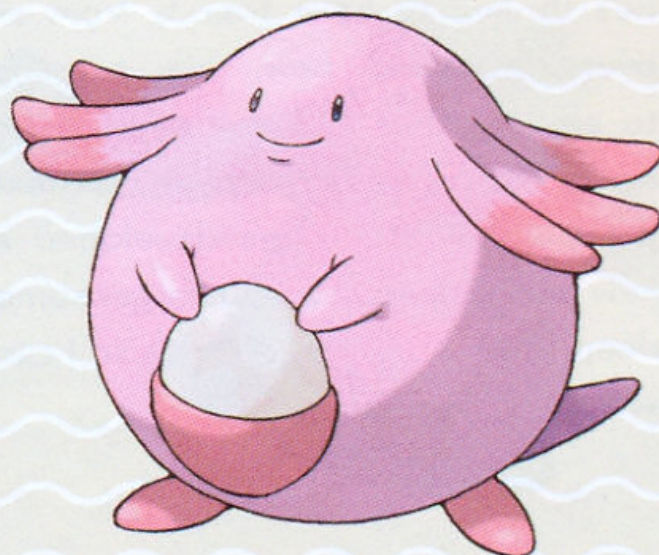
Deck: Turbo Bliss

Interesting Fact: Almost missed competing in the Top 16... because he was sleeping!

Khanh Le credits his friend David Atanassov with helping him reach the Finals. "If he hadn't helped me, I would have lost," Khanh says. In the end, of course, it was Khanh's own expert playing that took him all the way to second place, a journey that began four years ago with his first tournament in Oslo. His style of play—"attacking fast and locking down my opponents"—served him well, as did some good luck ("During the Top 4, my Pokémon were all Asleep, and I flipped heads"), and both will undoubtedly serve him even better when he returns to Worlds next year.

DECK LIST

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4	CHANSEY	MT	76
2	CHATOT	MD	55
4	CASTAWAY	CG	72
4	CELIO'S NETWORK	CG	73
4	CESSATION CRYSTAL	CG	74
4	CRYSTAL BEACH	CG	75
3	ENERGY REMOVAL 2	PK	74
1	NIGHT MAINTENANCE	SW	120
3	PLUSPOWER	SW	121
3	POKÉDEX HANDY910IS	DP	111
2	ROSEANNE'S RESEARCH	SW	125
1	SCOTT	PK	81
2	TEAM GALACTIC'S WAGER	MT	115
1	TIME-SPACE DISTORTION	MT	124
3	TV REPORTER	DF	82
1	WARP POINT	MD	88
4	HOLON ENERGY FF	DF	88
1	FIGHTING ENERGY		
9	FIRE ENERGY		





GINO LOMBARDI

Third Place (Masters Division)

Age: 18

Country: United States

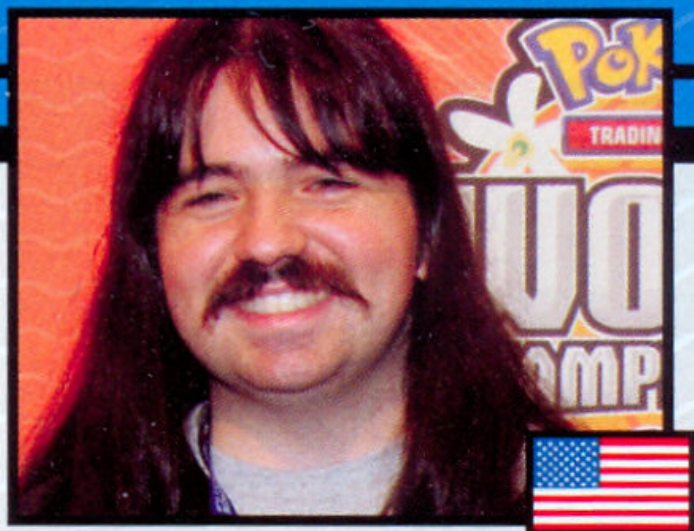
Deck: Underground Plox

Interesting Fact: Started a Pokémon team called "Underground"

Gino Lombardi is very pleased with how this year's World Championships worked out for him. "Third place," he points out, "is a huge improvement over the last two years. I was 21st last year, and I made Top 32 in 2006." And as a result of two years' playing at Worlds, he's thrilled to have friends from all over the world now. "It's amazing to get together and see each other again," he says. To prepare for next year's competition, he's developed a new tactic: sleep. "I'll actually get some sleep the night before Worlds so I can avoid mistakes."

DECK LIST

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1	GARDEVOIR LV.X	SW	131
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1	RALTS	DF	60
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2	BALTOY	GE	60
1	CRESSELIA	GE	2
1	CRESSELIA LV.X	GE	103
1	MUK	SW	56
1	GRIMER	SW	88
1	JIRACHI EX	CG	94
1	PACHIRISU	GE	5
1	PHIONE	MD	12
2	BEBE'S SEARCH	SW	119
2	CELIO'S NETWORK	CG	73
1	LAKE BOUNDARY	MT	112
1	NIGHT MAINTENANCE	SW	120
2	PHOEBE'S STADIUM	PK	79
4	RARE CANDY	GE	104
3	ROSEANNE'S RESEARCH	SW	125
3	STEVEN'S ADVICE	PK	83
1	STRENGTH CHARM	DF	81
2	TEAM GALACTIC'S WAGER	MT	115
1	WARP POINT	MD	88
3	CALL ENERGY	MD	92
4	DOUBLE RAINBOW ENERGY	CG	88
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5	PSYCHIC ENERGY		



JIMMY O'BRIEN

Fourth Place (Masters Division)

Age: 21

Country: United States

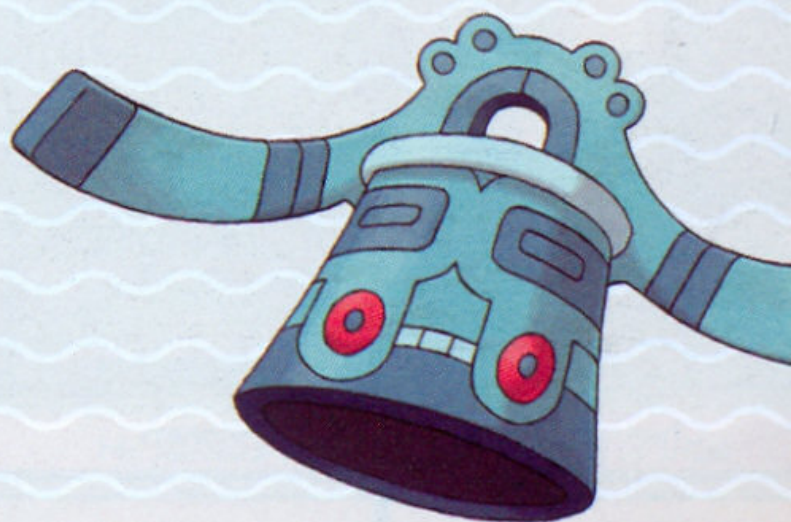
Deck: Ding Dong!

Interesting Fact: Began play with a starter deck in 1998

The Last Chance Qualifier sent 12 additional players into the Masters Division at the Main Event...and one of them was Jimmy O'Brien. He fought hard, sometimes against the odds, it seemed ("I lost a Team Galactic's Wager in the Top 4," he remembers, "drew the perfect card to win, and my opponent won before I could get another turn") to make an impressive showing in the end. He plans to return to battle at Worlds next year for the same reason many Pokémon players rise to the challenge: "I really enjoy being competitive."

DECK LIST

4	EMPOLEON	MD	17
3	PRINPLUP	DP	58
4	PIPLUP	PROMO DPO3	
3	BRONZONG	MD	16
3	BRONZOR	MD	52
1	CLAYDOL	GE	15
1	BALTOY	GE	60
1	UNOWN Q	MD	49
4	CELIO'S NETWORK	CG	73
3	CESSATION CRYSTAL	CG	74
3	COPYCAT	DF	73
1	MOONLIGHT STADIUM	GE	100
1	NIGHT MAINTENANCE	SW	120
3	RARE CANDY	GE	104
4	ROSEANNE'S RESEARCH	SW	125
3	STEVEN'S ADVICE	PK	83
2	WARP POINT	MD	88
4	CALL ENERGY	MD	92
1	DOUBLE RAINBOW ENERGY	CG	88
4	SCRAMBLE ENERGY	DF	89
1	PSYCHIC ENERGY		
6	WATER ENERGY		





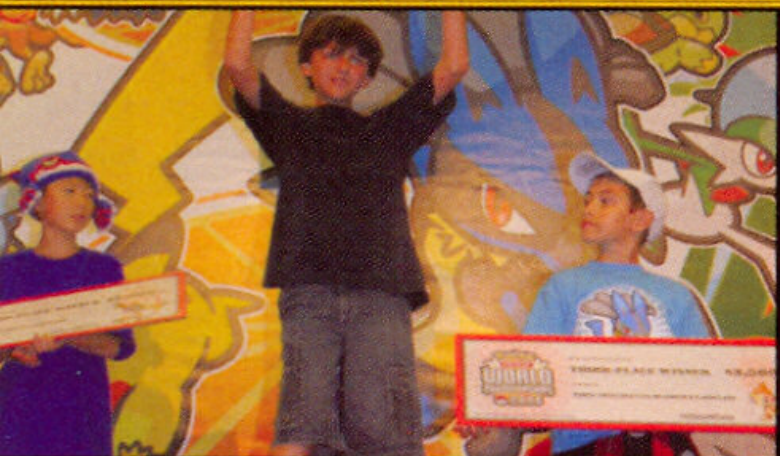
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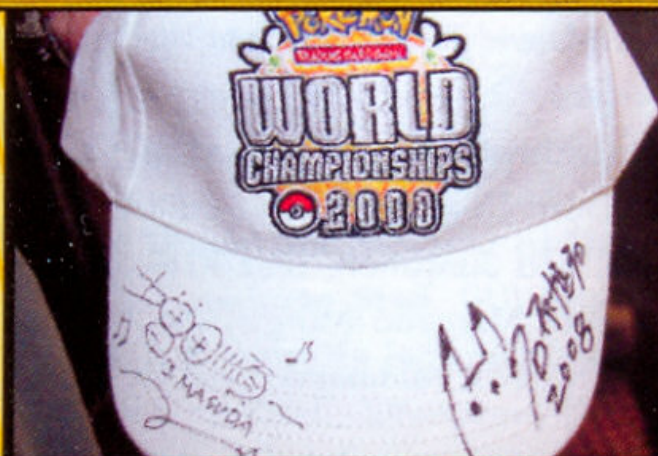
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